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'Battle Of Germany To Be Fought In Belgium

Nazi Counter-Offensive Advances 15 Miles In Three Days

S. H. A. E. F., PARIS Dec. 19:—Following are the latest reports from Reuter correspondents on the Western Fronts:

Field Marshal Von Rundstedt continues to exert formidable pressure against the U. S. First Army, following his penetration yesterday by at least a column of half-tracked vehicles in the vicinity of Stavelot. Stavelot is four miles south-west of Malmedy representing a fifteen-mile gain since Saturday.

The First United States Army's official blackout on news of the German counter-attack continues.

HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES

Gen. Eisenhower's communique today states: "Heavy fighting continues in the sectors where the enemy launched his attack between the Monschau area and the southern part of the German-Luxembourg border.

Our forces in the Linnich area are mopping up in Wurm and Mullendorf. In Dillingen and Saarlautern bridgeheads, our troops continued to make slow progress in wiping out enemy strongpoints. In the area north-east of Saargemund we reached the wooded area one mile north of Habkirchen and gains were made in the vicinity of Walsheim and Medelsheim.

In the vicinity of Bitsch our units have taken a large portion of two stubbornly defended Maginot fortifications.

North-west of Wissembourg we advanced two miles and entered the German villages of Bundenthal and Nieder Schlettenbach.

Farther east, heavy fire was received from the Siegfried Line. Stiff fighting continues north-west of Colmar. Further limited advances have been made in the high Vosges mountains.

LONDON, Dec. 19: The German News Agency to-day said: "German rearguards west of Duren withdrew to the eastern bank of the river Roer without enemy interference."

GERMANS TAKE SEVERAL BELGIAN TOWNS

LONDON, Dec. 19: John Wilhelm Reuter's Special Correspondent with the U. S. First Army, who late on Monday night completed a drive, along Marshal Rundstedt's counter-offensive fronts in his despatch which has reached London, gives the first full story of the Wehrmacht's great counter-blow back into Belgium.

German armoured drive is striking through what had been Gen. Hodges' forward lines and has placed a number of Belgian towns in German control after ten weeks of liberation.

What does this sudden appearance of German power on a scale large enough to break through the First Army lines mean? It means that, first, the Germans appeared at an unexpected place and have been able to secure temporary advantage—in fact very complete advantage.

"BATTLE OF GERMANY"

Secondly, it means that Panzer forces which have long been known to be on this side of the Rhine—and which caused Gen. Eisenhower to say some weeks ago that the battle of Germany would come west of the Rhine—have been pushed into battle.

This would make this present offensive, which has carried the battle back into Belgium, the so-called battle of Germany.

What is to come of this advantage now secured by Germany? It is a question of Allied power. The time should come when the German spearhead dare go no further without first bringing up forces on either side.

WILL HASTEN CLIMAX

From Reuter's military commentator:

The odds are still that Field-Marshal Rundstedt will hasten the climax of the war rather than delay it. Marshal Rundstedt, it seems, is making two deep thrusts: One south of Malmedy in southern Belgium, the other about 30 miles south through northern Luxembourg in the direction of Bastogne. Clearly one of the key targets for Rundstedt's offensive is Liege, natural base and supply junction for Cologne. Gen. Eisenhower cannot afford to give up Liege even temporarily. The Germans cannot be halted by frontal defence. What matters is how soon Gen. Eisenhower can mount his Counter-Blitz.

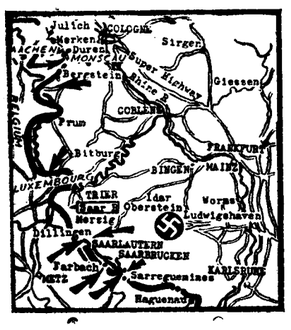
HITLER PLANNED IT

A London message dated Monday said:

Hitler himself prepared the new counter-offensive on the west front down to the minutest detail; that was the reason for his recent silence, according to a German Forces Radio service broadcast tonight to troops taking part.

PYARELAL IN CITY

WARDHA, Dec. 19: Mr. Pyarelal, Gandhiji's Private Secretary, has left for Bombay on private work. It is understood that he will be returning by the end of this month.—United Press.



In Italy

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PO VALLEY

ALLIED ADVANCE H.Q., ITALY, Dec. 19.—Allied communique today reported heavy fighting in the Po Valley around Bagnacavallo and north-west of Faenza.

The text of the communique states: On the Eighth Army front heavy fighting continues around Bagnacavallo and north-west of Faenza. Further west Polish troops of the 8th Army have continued their advance towards the river Senio against scattered resistance.

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS

The Germans have brought down tank-supported counter-attacks on our positions expanding into the Valley itself north of Faenza forcing us back to the Bologna Railway line, which runs through the northern outskirts of the city. Further counter-attacks designed to keep the Eighth Army troops compressed in the Valley battleground, were again thrown at the Canadians' bridgehead over Naviglio, where bitter fighting ensued around Bagnacavallo.

ALLIED BRIDGEHEADS LINK UP IN BURMA

Following is to-day's SEAC communique:

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS FRONT: The two bridgeheads on the est bank of the Kalapanzin have linked up, and our troops continue to advance to the east and south. In the Kaladan Valley enemy artillery was active.

Forward troops in the coastal strip are now more than 20 miles south-south-east of Maungdaw. Naval craft shelled a group of enemy two miles ahead of our forces.

Heavy bombers hit targets on Great Coco island north of the Andamans and near Andrew Bay, in Arakan on December 17.

NO JAP OPPOSITION ON MINDORO

PHILIPPINES, Dec. 19.—Gen. MacArthur's communique to-day reports that on the Philippines island of Mindoro the Japanese are offering no ground opposition.

In Leyte, the 77th Division, continuing its envelopment of Valencia, has reached an aerodrome west of the town and is pushing north along the main road.

Patil's Plea For Gandhite-Socialist Merger

ARIYALUR, Dec. 19.

"The newly reconstructed Congress organisation must evolve a common programme for the Gandhites and Congress Socialists working together as a united front against the Communist disruptors", said Mr. S. K. Patil in an interview at the conclusion of the Tamil Nad Congressmen Conference.

Continuing, Mr. Patil said: "Every member must unquestioningly accept Mahatma Gandhi's leadership. There must be complete adherence to non-violence in day to day working of our programme. Gandhiji to-day is the true symbol of what the Congress stands for. He is the greatest socialist in the country.

"In view of the danger of anti-Congress fronts indirectly encouraged by officialdom, a big merger between the Gandhites and the Socialists is the greatest need of the hour. If we lose the leadership of Gandhiji we will be losing our all. Government seems to hope that it can crush the Congress by bolstering up the Muslim League, by helping it to form bogus ministries."

Referring to the present activities of the Indian Communists, Mr. Patil said: "The biggest enemy of the Congress to-day are the Communists. It is not strange that they are supporting the move to form a Ministry in Madras. Once belonging to the extreme left wing, they are now aligning themselves with the right wing reactionaries. Their first loyalty is to Russia and India comes only second. Their antics on political field must be exposed."—United Press.

RADHAKRISHNAN'S TRIBUTE TO KONKAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"It has acted as a soothing balm to my educationist heart that the Konkan Education Society is for years alive to one fact that mere bookish education makes our boys and girls one-sided. As their intellect develops their hands and feet must work. I am very glad to know that years before the Wardha Scheme was thought of, the Konkan Education Society introduced vocational bias in its schools and taught their pupils weaving, printing and carpentry side by side with mathematics, languages, history and geography."

In these words Dr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan commended the Society's work at Roha, speaking as President of the Silver Jubilee Celebration on Monday evening.

Referring to the address that the Society's Teachers' Association presented to him, he remarked that he was a teacher all his life and hoped that in the post-war period the teachers would find themselves in a position to devote their whole attention to the building up of their pupils' character, by improvement in their economic condition.

Earlier in the morning, Dr. Radhakrishnan attended a function at Alibag, where one of the Society's founders, Mr. V. G. Ranade was honoured. His portrait was unveiled by Dr. Radhakrishnan. At Nagar, Dr. Radhakrishnan laid the foundation stone of another school building of the Society.

At Roha, at the main function of the Silver Jubilee Celebration donations amounting to about Rs. 70,000 were announced. Mr. Haldannekar donated Rs. 20,000, out of which Rs. 10,000 are meant for a girls' high school to be affiliated to the Indian Women's University and another for a school building at Poynad.

Early morning to-day, Dr. Radhakrishnan left for Bombay via Panvel. At Pen, as at Roha, Municipal addresses were given. At Pen, Dr. Radhakrishnan halted only for ten minutes, and replied only to the address of a Women's Association.

At Panvel, he addressed a big gathering at Vithoba Khandappa High School of the Society stressing the need of guiding the students, while training. He did not like regimentation in education. Panvel Municipality also gave him an address which was in Hindustani. He paid a visit to Dhutapapeshwar Ayurvedic Pharmacy and left Panvel reaching Bombay at 12 noon. He left by Madras Express.

STOP PRESS

WHERE 'PANZERS' WENT UNCHECKED

S.H.A.E.F., PARIS, Dec. 19.—In one sector German 'Panzer' forces continued to move relatively unchecked through the woods and hills of Eastern Belgium, deterred only by occasional American anti-tank guns and road blocks. This, however, was largely in the area overrun during the first phase of the break-through.

COMMONS TO DEBATE GREECE TODAY

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There will be a special debate on Greece in the Commons tomorrow. This was agreed to by Ministers to-night, following representations from the Administrative Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr. Churchill is expected to speak.—Reuter.

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Gandhiji Having Cold & Fever

WARDHAGANJ, December 19.

It is learnt here that Mahatma Gandhi is having fever and cold.

Doctors state that there is no cause for anxiety.

NEW ANGLO-ETHIOPEAN PACT

ADDISABABA, Dec. 19: A new temporary agreement between Britain and Ethiopia, which replaces the Agreement and Military Convention of 1942 was signed to-day.

The negotiations with the Emperor were carried out by Lord De La Warr, special British representative.—Reuter.

SOVIET THRUST INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Several Towns Captured

MOSCOW, Dec. 19.—From Reuter's special correspondent: — Marshal Malinovsky's forces deepening their thrust into Czechoslovakia have now reached points less than 50 miles from the Polish border. Observers here to-day considered that the German front in Czechoslovakia and north-eastern Hungary which was hurriedly reformed to meet Marshal Malinovsky's flanking push is now facing a crisis over the whole line protecting the vital Slovak railway junctions of Lucenec and Kosice.

As Marshal Malinovsky's broad wedge moves further into Eastern Czechoslovakia, German groupings locked to hold Slovakia as a bastion for the defence of Vienna and South-Eastern Germany, are steadily being pushed out of position and confronted with the prospect of being squeezed into a headlong retreat. From his powerful offensive platform based on the road and rail junction of Miskolc in north-eastern Hungary, Marshal Malinovsky's Alpine troops and light combat cars backed by heavy concentrations of mortars and mountain artillery are developing their push on a front of over 70 miles.

REDS TAKE CZECH TOWNS

Monday's Soviet communique says: "During December 18 on Hungarian territory north-east of Miskolc, our troops have cleared the hilly forest terrain west of Sattoralja-Ujhely and have reached the river Hernad.

North and north-west of Miskolc our troops captured Kany Egertek and the railway stations of Bova-Sileg and Banreve.

Our troops advancing from the south have reached the frontier between Hungary and Czechoslovakia and have captured Janok, Turnianska-ves and the railway station of Kamenec.

YUGOSLAVS CAPTURE PODGORICA

LONDON, Dec. 19: The Yugoslav radio to-day, broadcasting a special "communique" from Marshal Tito's Headquarters, announced the capture of Podgorica, one of the biggest towns in Montenegro and important road junction 18 miles north of the Albanian frontier.

DELEGATES TO A.-I. STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

The General Secretaries of the B. S. U. and the N. S. S. U. write: Nomination Papers for Election of Delegates to the Eighth Session of the All-India Students' Conference to be held on December 30th, 31st and January 1st, at Dadar, Bombay, will be received at the Offices of the Student Unions until December 23rd, 6-30 p.m. Only the members of the Unions are entitled to send in their Nomination Papers.

Absconder Surrenders

MEERUT, Dec. 19.

Mr. Lalta Prasad, station master, who had been declared an absconder in the S.S. Light Railway Conspiracy Case, presented himself before the Court of Mr. Vinod Chandra Sharma. He was taken into police custody.

VALHAVLI CEASES TO EXIST

Valhavli, in Khed taluka of Poona District ceased to exist as a separate village on December 1. It now forms part of the village of Bhomale.

HALF SHARE TO DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

Federal Court's Decision In Hindu Women's Right To Property Case

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

The Federal Court yesterday passed an order in the case Umayal Achi v. Lakshmi Achi, Nachiar Achi and others, in which the principal questions to be determined related to the validity of the Hindu Women's Rights to Property Act. The Court held that in their interpretation of Section 3 (1) of the Act, Umayal Achi, the daughter-in-law, would be entitled to a half share (subject to the limitations mentioned in the decree of the High Court as to immovable property) only in so much of her father-in-law Arunachalam Chettiar's properties as might be found to have been his "separate property," that is, property in respect of which Arunachalam Chettiar's son would not have been entitled to claim co-parcenary rights, but only a right of inheritance on the father's death, if he had survived the father.

ALLAHBAKSH'S BROTHER ELECTED UNOPPOSED

KARACHI, Dec. 19.

Khan Bahadur Moula Baksh, brother of the late Mr. Allah Baksh, ex-Premier, is being sent unopposed to the Sind Legislative Assembly from the Shikarpur Muslim Constituency which originally fell vacant by the death of Mr. Allah Baksh and later by the death of K. B. Sadhyo following an understanding between Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, the Premier, and himself that the latter will support his Ministry. It is not yet known if Khan Bahadur Moula Baksh will join the League.

This is a sequel to the intervention of common friends which resulted in the withdrawal of the League candidates including Mr. Agha Nasimuddin in whose favour Mr. Ghulamnabi Pathan, a nominee of the League withdrew from the contest.

It appears that these developments have taken place without consultation either of Mr. G. M. Syed or Mr. Jinnah.—United Press.

SURAT, Dec. 19. Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M.L.A. (Central) Burma Relation Officer, Government of India, will arrive here on Saturday December 23. It is understood he will discuss with Burma Indian refugee interests problems affecting re-emigration.—A. P.

RUDE AWAKENING TO REACTIONARY TORIES

Dange On Labour Party Conference Lead: British Working Class For Indian Settlement

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Giving his impressions of the British working class Mr. S. A. Dange, President of the A.I.T.U.C. in his tours of industrial districts of Britain said: "I talked to hundreds of delegates from factories. They came straight from the Bench which represented the living and thinking and working Britain when I gave them the terrible facts of life in India where meeting after meeting, passed resolutions demanding the release of National leaders of India for settlement of political deadlock, for better living and working conditions for Indian masses. I could see British working people awakening to the situation outside their own country, but would they be strong enough to awaken their leadership? Everyone knows how difficult it is to shake the leadership of Labour party to the realities of the situation but the heroic resistance of the people of Greece and the arrogance of Mr. Churchill broke the icecap that held down the growing discontent of Working Britain.

"RUDE AWAKENING"

The result was the resolution on Greece followed by one on India at the Labour Party Conference. They are a rude awakening to the leadership, that suppression of liberation movements carried out by reactionary Tories acquiesced in by the Labour Ministers was not being approved by masses.

President Laski tried cheap demagogy by saying "India is a vast prison house. Its keys are in Downing Street". But delegates gave rebuff to this phrase-mongering when they pointed out that the Tories had been shrewd enough to enlist Labour ministers to guard over those keys.

That delegates would not accept executive's word of Greece resolution until a definite interpretation was pledged to them and that they threw out the official resolution over India, passed their own from Railwaymen show deep down into the masses, the change slowly coming over what is required for reaching true facts to the millions in factories.

When ELAS was misrepresented as a sectarian clique of rebels, they captured the Radio, told facts to the world, patriotic India has not a Radio but it can approach British people, British democracy itself.

"USUAL ANNUAL RITUAL"

Talk to working men through their Unions from their own angle of solid link with their life and liberation of all subject countries—how the latter enriches the former—then they understand and realise the move as they did at the Labour Party Conference and the great Trafalgar Square Rally—a pleasant surprise to frustrated friends abroad an unpleasant one to the ruling interests.

But will anything come out of it? Is the resolution not the usual ritual of annual conferences? Not this time and not, if progressive forces keep on doing their part of the work of enlightening the masses.

The defeat of the proud priesthood is not a ritual but the new life and Labour certainly won't and cannot break coalition on these issues until the German war is over. To-day, it is too divided to take leadership of the nation but they won't stand war intervention this time and that is a ray of hope.

PREPARING FOR BURMA CAMPAIGN

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

Representatives of the Supply, Civil and War Departments—probably of secretaries' rank—are expected to visit London shortly to discuss with His Majesty's Government the question of Supplies for Defence Forces. The forthcoming Burma campaign is expected to make greater demand for consumers goods and the object of the proposed mission is believed to be to arrange with His Majesty's Government for supplies needed for the campgain.

VIZIANAGARAM MUNICIPALITY TO BE SUPERSEDED?

MADRAS, Dec. 19: The Government of Madras have called upon the Vizianagaram Municipality to show cause within a month why it should not be superseded as in their view "the Council has abused its power, and faction is rampant in the Council". The notice followed a report by a special officer appointed by the Government.—A. P.

R. A. F. Raid Gdynia

LONDON, Dec. 19. An Air Ministry Communique today states: "Last night a strong force of Lancasters of R A F Bomber Command attacked shipping in the Baltic port of Gdynia. Nuremberg and Munster were also bombed and intruder aircraft of Bomber Command attacked airfields well behind the enemy's lines destroying at least one enemy aircraft. Five of our aircraft are missing."

SURAT, Dec. 18.

It is understood that the Government of India propose to send 10,000 U. P. labourers to Assam in order to intensify the "Grow More Food" campaign in the province.—A. P.

M.P.s DEMAND STATEMENT ON GREECE

NO DETERIORATION IN SITUATION SAYS CHURCHILL AND POSTPONES DEBATE

LONDON, December 19.

Mr. Churchill told the Commons today that he was not at present in a position to make a further statement regarding Greece.

Answering Labour leader Mr. Greenwood, who urged a further statement before the House rose for Christmas recess in view of public anxiety, Mr. Churchill said that a statement would lead to a debate for which there was no time unless a vote of censure was called for.

NO DETERIORATION!

Mr. Greenwood retorted that it was not a question of a vote of censure (hear, hear) but a "legitimate demand for elucidation of the deteriorating situation." Mr. Churchill replied: "I don't think the situation is deteriorating. I think it is greatly improved but would rather wait for a more suitable occasion than have another debate so soon."

Mr. Churchill, answering further appeals for a statement by Sir Percy Harris. (Liberal), Mr. Granville. (Independent), and Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour), said that the sharp division of opinion would not be allayed by a debate. Last week's Division did not fully represent opinion in the Commons, because only a two-line whip was sent out.

(Urgent summons to Government supporters to attend a division is a three-line whip.).

Mr. Churchill was also challenged by Mr. Gallacher, (Communist), Sir Richard Acland (Common Wealth), and Mr. Shinwell (Labour) with having exaggerated events in Brussels when he referred to them in his speech last week on Greece.

STICKS TO HIS GUNS

Mr. Churchill replied: "There was firing, a very regrettable loss of life and Gen. Eisenhower himself visited Brussels and gave very decided, precise and clear instructions as to the importance of preserving communications. Therefore apart from small details, far from withdrawing anything I said, mature reflection leads me to reiterate it."

HUNT FOR 'QUISLING' PREMIER

ATHENS, Dec. 19: After a comparatively quiet night fighting was resumed this morning in the neighbourhood of Omonias Square north of the British-held perimeter. Other local actions are also going on.

British troops cleared the road from Athens to the sea, except for Snipers.

Greek Government police and gendarmerie, assisted by the British authorities, are to-day searching for the Greek 'Quisling' Premier Rallis who was among the 'G' prisoners, who disappeared from Averoff during yesterday's battle there. Rallis was the creator of the notorious Greek Security Battalion under German occupation.

In the area of port of Piraeus, British troops have now methodically cleared the whole of Kallipolis peninsula.

BR. GARRISON OF PRISON WITHDRAWN

To-day's Communique from Gen. Scobie says: "Further progress has been made in clearing the areas astride the Phaleron-Athens road and the situation in Piraeus is quiet. The British garrison in Averoff prison, which was attacked yesterday has been successfully withdrawn together with some of the political prisoners. Insurgent attacks against the Air Headquarters continued on increased scale."

British forces which yesterday captured Stadium Hill withdrew during last night.

Latest reports indicated that ELAS force shave broken through the wire of the compound at the R.A.F. headquarters at Kifissia, a few miles north-east of Athens. A British column of tanks and armoured cars was this morning on its way to relieve the R.A.F. Headquarters which was surrounded yesterday by more than 600 ELAS men. Defenders totalling about 600 include a large number of R.A.F. staff officers and non-combatant personnel besides R.A.F. regiment and army units.

REGENT FOR GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 19: The Greek Prime Minister M. Papandreou, today sent a cable to the King of Greece recommending the appointment of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens as the Regent of Greece.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL'S WAR REVIEW AFTER X'MAS

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Mr. Churchill will make a statement tomorrow on troops' welfare in India and South-East Asia Command. The announcement was made by the War Minister, Sir James Grigg, in reply to a question in Commons today.

Mr. Churchill when asked today if he would make a war statement on reassembly of Parliament after the Christmas declared that a great battle was now proceeding and he thought it would be appropriate to review the scene after the Christmas not only in one theatre but widely.—Reuter.

"SUPER-FORTS" BOMB JAP MAINLAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19: "Super-Fortresses" based on China bombed the Japanese mainland, states the War Department. The attack was made in medium force against industrial targets in Kyushu the southernmost island of Japan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19: A Japanese Imperial Headquarters announcement picked up here to-day said that 30 to 40 "Super-Fortresses" raided the city of Omura this morning. Only slight damage was done.

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BARRISTER FINED Rs. 50 FOR NOT SAYING 'SIR'

(From A Correspondent).

NAGPUR, Dec. 19.

Mr. S K. Bannerjee, I.C.S., Deputy Commissioner, Balaghat, has fined Y. P. Varma, Barrister-at-Law, Balaghat Rs. 50 or in default to undergo seven days simple imprisonment under Section 480 Cr. P. C. on the ground that the latter when entering the Court of Mr. Bannerjee, said "Good Morning", instead of "Good Morning Sir."

The Balaghat Bar Association has, at a meeting, protested against the action of the Deputy Commissioner against Mr. Varma and pointed out that it was not the usual practice of etiquette for the members of the Bar when they appear before the Court to wish "Good morning Sir." The usual practice or etiquette was that when the Court first takes its seat the members of the bar present stand up which shows sufficient respect to the Court.

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SHAREHOLDERS EXPRESS STRONG DISSATISFACTION

Majority Decision Of Meeting Turned Down By Proxy Votes

The sixty-ninth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Sholapoor Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held at the registered office of the Company on Friday. Quite a large and unprecedented number of shareholders attended the meeting making it an overcrowded one. Mr. Cooverjee H. Bhabha, being in the chair. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and then the Directors' report and audited balance sheet. The Chairman then read out the speech, the salient features of which were the sad demise of Mr. T. R. N. Cama their oldest active and experienced Director, a person of kindly personality and tact. He then referred to some of the problems of the textile industry and criticised some measures of the Government pertaining to the industry. He particularly dealt with the breaking of the trade links, drastic control regulations and their effects on the industry. Coming to the matters about the Company he stated that during the year under review labour conditions were satisfactory. The financial results achieved were equally satisfactory and as the debentures were being redeemed matters had improved owing to the lifting of the restrictions. Referring to the increased expenditure he said that it was due to higher wages, prices of materials and various other causes. There was no dissatisfaction from labour. Cloth was issued to staff and labour at cost (an interruption: proprietors', i.e., shareholders' requests are spurned although notice given for this requirement). In explanation of the auditors' remarks about the Sub-Committee of the Directors having been appointed to go into matters pertaining to stores, cotton purchased, cloth sales and other matters of general administration he said that the report was made in February 1944 and the agents had been asked to give an explanation which was not forthcoming (another interruption: Reply has been sent) Chair: "sit down." As to why the sub-committee made a report so late as February, 1944, he said that there were peculiar circumstances; resignations of directors resulted in appointment of a new committee of directors in January, 1944. He then moved the adoption of the balance sheet and the audited accounts.

WANTED OPEN ENQUIRY

Mr D. C. Mehta said that the results achieved by the Company were not at all satisfactory and cited some figures in support of his arguments. Mr. Mehta then moved an amendment to the original resolution that the report and the balance sheet be received but not adopted and a committee of 5 independent shareholders be appointed to enquire into various matters regarding the management of the mills and that the meeting be adjourned. He added that instead of the five names proposed by him he would be agreeable to any other names that the chair or the Directors might suggest. Mr Mehta further suggested that arrangement should be made for payment of preference shares on the due date and that the uncalled liability of Rs. 50/- on preference shares be cancelled. He explained how ordinary shareholders had at the previous meeting been misled into accepting the proposal for preference shares issue which except for voting rights no fool would touch even with a pair of tongs.

Mr. M. N. Cama seconded the amendment and stated that as there were very ugly rumours about the general management of the Agents it was up to the Agents as well as the Directors that they should accept the suggestion made by Mr. D. C. Mehta and willingly give their consent to the appointment of an independent committee of shareholders because at present the Board consisted mostly of the members of the Managing Agents' firm. Mr. C. H. Bhabha who was supposed to be the only independent Director in the absence of Mr. V. D. Govindji, was reported to be a partner in other concerns along with some members of the Managing Agents of the Company. Hence it was in the interests of the Management itself that they should clear their position by an open enquiry.

LOWER PROFITS

Mr. Gordhandas Bhagwandas in further supporting the amendment cited figures of profits earned by various other mills in Sholapur and said that in comparison with the profits last year there was a reduction of 27 per cent in their profits whereas other concerns in the same centre showed increased profits compared to preceding year to the extent of 11 per cent to 111 per cent. Again, the ratio of production to cotton consumed was comparatively very low. Had it been as high as that of the other mills their profits would have been higher by Rs. 1 crore or even more. He next referred to the sub-committee for investigation and wanted to know why the shareholders were not taken into confidence by supplying a copy of the report. He was surprised to find that the sub-committee had shelved very important questions which were entrusted to it for enquiry such as, cotton purchase, sales of cloth and yarn, involving a turnover of Rs. 5.25 crores. These were more important than the item of stores purchase which they singled out for inquiry for some reason best known to themselves. From all this he concluded that there was something seriously wrong with the general management and the Directors seemed to be hiding certain matters which perhaps did not suit their purpose. It was, therefore, absolutely necessary that enquiry should be made into all these affairs at an early date.

Several other shareholders including Messrs. Reuben, Sharma, Dattar and Shah also expressed their resentment and dissatisfaction at the poor results shown by the Company and asked questions regarding various matters pertaining to insurance, tent manufacture, abnormal stocks of cloth and yarn and the Government's action to take over charge of the sales organisation of the Company, etc.

CHAIRMAN'S EXPLANATION

In replying to some of the points raised by the shareholders the Chairman Mr. Bhabha explained the circumstances under which the sub-committee for the enquiry came to be appointed for making the necessary enquiries. He however did not give the reason why report on only one item, namely, stores, had been prepared and submitted to the Board. The Directors after considering the same had forwarded it to the Managing Agents for explanation but no reply had been received from the Managing Agents.

The amendment was put to vote and it was carried on a show of hands by an overwhelming majority At this stage the Chairman demanded a poll and the amendment was lost by the weight of proxy votes held by the Directors and Managing Agents. The original resolution for the adoption of report and balance sheet was then put to vote but was lost on a show of hands. It was, however, carried by proxy votes.

After declaring dividend the question of re-election of Mr. C. H. Bhabha and Mr. Goculchand Morarka came before the meeting. On taking votes only the Agents and a few shareholders voted for it. The motion for the re-election was lost by an overwhelming majority on show of hands. The old story was repeated and with the help of proxies it was declared carried.

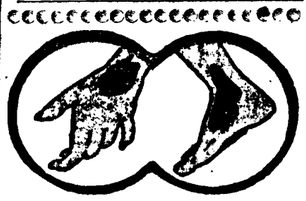
On a strong appeal from the chair the re-election of Mr. V. D. Govindji was carried unopposed and a request was made by Mr. D. C. Mehta to reinstate him as Chairman of the Board of Directors to which the chairman promised favourable consideration.

The question of appointing independent shareholders on the Board of Directors then came before the meeting. Mr. A. P. Doshi proposed Mr M. N. Cama to be appointed an additional Director. Mr. Gordhandas Bhagwandas supporting the resolution said that he could not understand why the Board had not already invited a man of position and business integrity like Mr. Cama in place of his brother-in-law, the late Mr. T. R. N. Cama. At this stage Mr. Cama said that he had no desire to join the Board where he was not welcome but on the strong insistence of the shareholders he would not object to his name being proposed as an additional Director. The resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, opposed only by the Chairman, the Managing Agents and a negligible number of shareholders but it was defeated on the strength of proxies.

The election of Mr. P. P. Mistry who is the second largest shareholder of the Company barring the Agents met with the same fate. Shouts of "Shame, shame" were heard at the conduct of the Agents and the Chairman who opposed all the fair demands of the shareholders.

SPLIT SHARES

After the termination of the meeting at about 7-30 p.m. an informal discussion was started by the Chairman regarding splitting of ordinary shares. He said that in the interests of the shareholders the ordinary shares ought to be split up but the question of voting was a matter to be decided. He said that different suggestions had been received from various parties about the voting rights of split shares. Mr. Laldas Jamnadas strongly supported the view of giving one vote to every split share and said that under the pretext of paying off debentures 32,000 new Preference shares of Rs. 100/- each bearing interest of 3 per cent with a right to vote were raised but one could not understand why only Rs. 50/- were called if finance was so very necessary. According to him the shares were raised simply as an expedient for getting votes by the Agents at a cheaper rate. The register of the Company showed that the Agents and their relatives held nearly 22,000 shares out of the whole issue of 32,000 shares and with the help of these 1,100 votes all the fair demands of the ordinary shareholders were thrown to the wind. Hence for the protection of ordinary shareholders' rights it was quite necessary that the holder of every split share should have a right to vote. He warned the shareholders not to commit another fatal mistake by allowing the shares to be split without a right to vote.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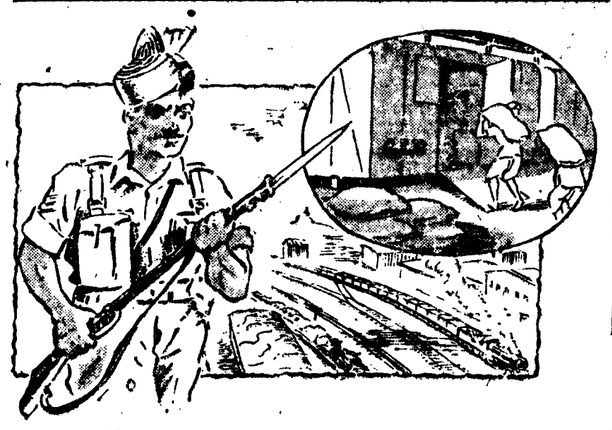

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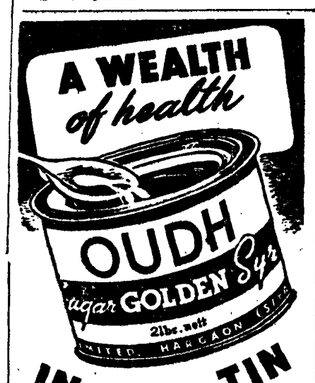

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To-day's Engagements

MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: The adjourned meeting of the Schools Committee, originally held on November 8 and since adjourned will be held at the Corporation Hall, today (Wednesday) after the weekly meeting of the Schools Committee called on the same day at 2-30 p m (B T) is over.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE: Meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in the Corporation Hall, today (Wednesday) at 2-30 p m (Bombay Time.)

FREEDOM GROUP: Dr M. N. Dhalla, will speak at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p m on "In the political reconstruction of the country, our Communal Exclusiveness is no Longer Tenable." Prof P A Wadia will preside.

MOHARRUM SERIES LECTURES: Under the auspices of "Rahbar" Lady Rama Rao will speak on "All-India Women's Conference" at 5-30 p m and Mr. A. H. Khan on "Health and Hygiene" at 6-15 p.m.

MUSLIM SOCIAL WORKERS' GROUP: Under the auspices of the Group Mr. N. R. Sharma, President of the Retail Chemists and Druggists' Association and Mr. Fakruddin T. Khorakiwala, will speak on "Scarcity of Drugs and Toilet Requisites in the City". today (Wednesday) at the head office of the Group at 5-30 p m.

ARYAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL: The annual sports meet of the School will be held at 3-30 p m today (Wednesday) on the Grant Medical College Gymkhana Ground. Past Students are invited to take part in a special event. Mr. Motiram Narayanrao Desai Topiwala will preside and give away the prizes.

IMPERIAL HIGH SCHOOL: Annual athletic sports will be held today (Wednesday) from 3 p m to 6 p m at the Wilson College Gymkhana Ground, Canady Sea Face.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: The Hospitality Committee are holding their Christmas Party for Troops in the Brabourne Stadium (Churchgate St. entrance); from 8 to 11 p m today. His Excellency and Lady Colville will be attending.

PLEA TO MAHARASHTRIANS TO TAKE TO BANKING

Under the auspices of the Maharashtra Utkarsha Mandal a debate was held on "Modern Banking and Maharashtra" at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall on Sunday. Principal Panandikar of the Sydenham College presided. He said that Maharashtrians should follow the Marwadis and Gujarathis. Many of them came without capital but by their special adaptability they thrived in commerce and industries.

Mr. B. V. Tambe said that a big bank started by Maharashtrians would not be able to finance industry and commerce as it had to abide by the banking rules and regulations. He advocated a body like 'finance corporation'. He added that the Mandal should take a census of the different industries carried on by the Maharashtrians, of the people who are doing the work of trade and commerce and also of the experts in the different kinds of industries.

Alleged Bribery

Serious allegations for receiving illegal gratification against a clerk in the Shipping Brokers' office have been made by a large number of seamen. The Seamen's Union, Bombay, having demanded an immediate enquiry into the allegation, the clerk against whom the allegations were made is reported to have admitted before the Shipping Master that he had received money from eight seamen.

Mr. Dinkar Desai, General Secretary of the Union, immediately reported the incident to the Police authorities—who are now investigating into the matter. Great sensation prevails among the seamen of Bombay Port on account of this incident.

PUNJAB CONGRESS ASSEMBLY DECISIONS

LUDHIANA, Dec. 18.

The Conference of the Punjab Congress Workers' Assembly concluded yesterday afternoon after the adoption of a resolution disapproving the policy and activities of the Communists and the Akali Parties who remaining within the Congress opposed the August resolution of the A.-I.C.C. and thus strengthened the hands of the Government."

The Conference appointed a provisional committee with Maulana Mohd. Yasin as President and two secretaries, one treasurer and twenty-one members to carry out constructive programme.

About three hundred Communist Congressmen who came here to participate in the Congressmen's Conference, but were not allowed to do so, held a separate meeting where they expressed the confidence in the leadership of Gandhiji and his efforts to remove the deadlock and solve the communal problem.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.

244 m (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a m News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 Kesarbai Bandodkar 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 Tomorrow 9-15 Venubai Dewasthali 9-30 Instrumental Music 9-45 Madhusudhan G Acharya 12-30 p m Geet (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1-0 Break for Lunch 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 V R Joshi 5-15 Madhusudhan G. Acharya 5-40 Venubai Dewasthali 5-55 Locals 6-0 Children's Half-Hour (M) 8-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6-45 News Commentary (H) 6-50 V R Joshi 7-0 Roosi Vaqyanigari (H) 7-15 Jayant J Vaidya 7-35 Gottuvadyam Recital 7-45 Film Music 8-0 Venubai Dewasthali 8-15 News (M) 8-30 News (G) 8-45 Topical Talk 9-0 News (H) 9-20 News (E) 9-30 B B C News 9-45 News Review (E) 10-0 A I R Orchestra: Kamaj 10-20 Bhajan 10-30 Kesarbai Bandodkar 11-0 Close down.

The Government of Bombay has directed that the Bombay Adult Education Committee, which was set up in July, 1939, to conduct an adult literacy campaign in Bombay City and suburbs, shall be known in future as the Bombay City Adult Education Committee.

Baroda's Decisive Victory Over Maharashtra

Hazare (Jr.) Bags First 3 Wickets: Paranjpye's Gallant Stand

POONA, Dec. 19.

Baroda won the second round of the Ranji Trophy Match (Western Zone) against Maharashtra by 354 runs.

Scores: Baroda 313 and 512 for 3 declared.

Maharashtra 205 and 267.

Baroda declared their second innings this morning for the overnight total of 512 for three wickets. Requiring to make 621 runs for an outright victory Maharashtra sent in Sohoni and Rege to commence their second innings to the bowling of Hazare (Sr.) and Gul Mohamed. S. G. Powar was keeping the wickets instead of Nimbalkar to-day. The Maharashtra opening pair was scoring steadily taking a single off almost every ball and thirty was registered in 25 minutes. In trying to hit a short-pitched one off Hazare (Jr.), outside the off stick Sohoni leaned forward, missed the ball and his balance, and Powar behind the sticks did the rest (38/1/27). Gazali joined Rege.

Vivek Hazare claimed his second wicket when he had Rege caught by Gul Mohamed in the gully, his figures at this stage being 11/5/18/2. Deodhar and Gazali now became associated but the Maharashtra Captain soon lost his partner, Vivek bagging his third wicket of the day shattering Gazali's wickets (80/3/17). Paranjpye now joined his captain.

Resumption after lunch saw Hazare (Sr.) returning to the attack with Amir Elahi continuing from the Club House end. The Deodhar-Paranjpye partnership was, however, broken when Deodhar, in attempting to hit Yakub E. Sheikh, hit his own wicket (174-4-60). Gokhale now came out to join Paranjpye but the partnership was broken by Adhikari when Paranjpye stopped a straight one off him and retired (210/5/63). Paranjpye's was a patient innings and he had been batting for 132 minutes for his 63 which included seven fours.

Jadhav accompanied Gokhale after tea but the latter was sent back to the pavilion immediately caught and bowled by Amir Elahi for ten (210/6/10). Elahi's analysis at this time was 35.4/7/84/1. The 7th wicket fell at 225 when Jadhav fell a victim to a successful appeal for l.b.w. off Elahi (225/7/8). Twelve runs later Pandit also followed Jadhav clean-bowled by Adhikari for 12 (237/8/12). Shinde brought up the rear and Banerjee, who occupied the crease vacated by Jadhav sent up 250 of the innings with a single off Elahi when the innings had lasted 272 minutes. But the Maharashtra second innings soon came to an end when Shinde stepped in front of a straight one from Hazare (Sr.) Chandorker did not bat.

SCORES:

MAHARASHTRA SECOND INNINGS: Sohoni st. Powar, b Hazare (Jr.) 27; Rege, c Gul Mahomed, b Hazare (Jr.) 25; Gazali, b Hazare (Jr.) 17; Deodhar hit wicket 60; Paranjpye, l.b.w. b Adhikari 63; Y. N. Gokhale c and b Amir Elahi 10; Pandit b Adhikari 12; Jadhav l.b.w. b Amir Elahi 8; Banerjee not out 28; Shinde, l.b.w. b Hazare (Sr.) 8; Chandorker did not bat; Extras 9; Total 267.

BOWLING: Hazare (Sr.) 12.3/6/26/1; Gul Mohmed 14/3/36/0; Hazare (Jr.) 21/8/41/3; Amir Elahi 43/10/116/2; Yakub E. Sheikh 7/4/7/0; Adhikari 10/4/32/2; one hit wicket.—A.P.

NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED

Journalists' Association Of India

At the annual general meeting of the Journalists' Association of India, the following office-bearers were elected:—

President: Mr. B. G. Horniman.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. N. C. Kelkar and K. P. Khadilkar.

Chairman: Mr. K. Gopalaswamy.

Hon. Secretaries: Messrs. U. G. Rao and Batuk Desai.

Tyeasurer: Mr. Salkade.

A resolution moved by Mr. K. G. Narayanachar and seconded by Mr. E. G. Nair and others, was passed at the meeting with only two votes recorded against it.

The resolution expressed its profound disappointment at the resolution adopted by the Standing Committee of the A.-I. N. E. C. regarding the emoluments and terms of service of journalists, at Lahore on October 28 last.

The resolution characterised the recommendations of the A.-I. N. E. C., as objectionable, unsatisfactory and criticised the distinction sought to be created between journalists working on English newspapers and Indian language newspapers. The resolution also criticised the starting salary recommended, the omission of graded allowances, and 'the vagueness' of the recommendations with regard to leave, provident fund, termination of service, etc.

The resolution further stated: "There was no reason why it (A.-I. N. E. C.) should have gone out of its way to let down the working journalists. If the A.-I. N. E. C. is at all anxious to play the role of protector of the interests of journalists, its meeting is of the opinion that the A.-I. N. E. C. should at its next meeting rescind its earlier resolution, and adopt a set of recommendations which may be an improvement on, but do not fall short of those already approved by this Association, and listed below:—

A minimum wage of Rs. 125 p.m. to every journalist on confirmation.

Period of apprenticeship not to be more than two years, an apprentice being started on Rs. 75 per month and getting Rs. 100 next year, and Rs. 125 at confirmation.

Other clauses in the recommendation pertained to one month's privilege leave for 11 months' service, sick leave with pay, minimum annual increment of Rs. 10 for the first ten years and Rs. 20 for the second ten years, and provident fund.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi said that though as a working journalist, he was in full sympathy with the demands made in the resolution, he would appeal to them in the interest of the journalists not to pass it but to instruct the Executive to prepare a memorandum and send it to the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, the Indian and Eastern Newspapers Society and the Indian Languages Newspapers' Association. The resolution of the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference was a compromise resolution arrived at through friendly negotiations with the two proprietors' associations. It was not the last word on the subject and was capable of modification. He assured them that so far as the Standing Committee of the Editors' Conference and he himself were concerned, they did not want and would be prepared to remove the distinction between the minimum salaries of journalists working in English and Indian Language Newspapers.

Mr. B. H. Rao, moved an amendment that the resolution with Mr. Brelvi's remarks, might be sent to the A.-I.N.E.C. for action and consideration. He later withdrew the amendmernt.

Mr. Oomrigar, moved another amendment which was thrown out.

Messrs. R. K. Prabhu, E. G. Nair, C. J. S. Rao and others, supported the original resolution and opposed the amendments.

Mr. K. Shrinivasan, opposed the resolution and said that the editors were not independent and had to rely on proprietors. So there was no reason to blame them, for at best they could only recommend. He said by passing the resolution they would weaken the hands of the Editors' Conference in its efforts to improve the economic condition of journalists.

The meeting was at this stage postponed 'sine die'.

JOINT VENTURE ON EQUAL BASIS

Fazalbhoy's Plea To U. S. Manufacturers

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

A scheme for a joint venture between Indian and United States manufacturers whereby, it is hoped, India will be able to solve her industrialisation problem is advocated by Mr. Akbar Fazalbhoy, member of the Indian Delegation to the International Business Conference and a special representative of the Indian Film Industry.

Mr. Fazalbhoy told Reuter: "It is necessary for manufacturers in the United States to co-operate fully, and one of the ways this can be done is by a scheme of joint venture A joint venture basis will also, to a certain extent, solve India's problem of blocked sterling balances. It will enable us to produce quality products and to get the highest technique available in the United States. The technique of mass production is unknown in India.

"When the Industrialists' Delegation from India arrive in the United States in May next they will make it a point to visit factories, study the technique of mass production, and, wherever possible, advocate a joint venture on an equal basis. Wherever factories have already been established in India—like those of the Tata Chemicals—I do not see why they could not be assisted by American manufacturers in producing for example, photographic chemicals or even raw film."

Sir Chunilal Mehta, Chairman of the Indian Delegation to the International Business Conference, left New York on Tuesday for Montreal.

NEVER URGED SABHA TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN

Munshi's Denial: More Light On Jinnah's Nov. 1942 Offer

"I was surprised to read an Orient Press message in the "Dawn" of 10th December, 1944 a report of a speech made by Mr. Savarkar in the course of which he is alleged to have stated that I urged the members of the Mahasabha Working Committee to support Pakistan", says Mr. K. M. Munshi in Press statement.

"The report, if true, is misleading. In October-November, 1942, when the nation was passing through a crisis, Raja Maheshwar Dayal, the then General Secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, with the consent of Mr. Savarkar, invited me to Delhi to place before the Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha my reactions to an offer stated to have been made by Mr. Jinnah for the settlement of the Pakistan issue. Pursuant to this invitation, at Delhi and at a meeting of the Hindu Mahasabha Working Committee, which I was told was strictly confidential, I explained my reactions to Mr. Jinnah's offer. As Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji had already put himself in touch with Mr. Jinnah at the time, I outlined my own views of a counter-offer. Ultimately it was decided by the Hindu Mahasabha that no negotiations should be carried on with Mr. Jinnah on his offer. Mr. Jinnah also soon thereafter disowned having made the offer. The matter was then dropped.

"If I had supported Pakistan in 1942, I would not have left it to Mr. Savarkar to disclose my views after two years."

SCINDIA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

The 25th ordinary general meeting of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., was held on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate. After the notice convening the meeting was read, the meeting passed resolutions sanctioning the declaration of a dividend of Re. One and a bonus of annas four per share, free of income tax. It elected Mr. Maneklal Premchand, Mr. Pingle, Venkatram Reddy and Sir Shantidas Askuran as directors of the company. It also elected auditors for the ensuing year.

MUKHERJEE QUITS KOHAT STATION

Wing Commander S. Mukherjee who in August, 1943, was the first Indian Air Force Officer to be given command of an Air Force Station, is giving up his command at R.A.F. Station, Kohat, on transfer to a staff appointment at Air Headquarters, India. Wing Commander Aspy Engineer, D.F.C., is succeeding to the command of the Kohat station.—A. P.

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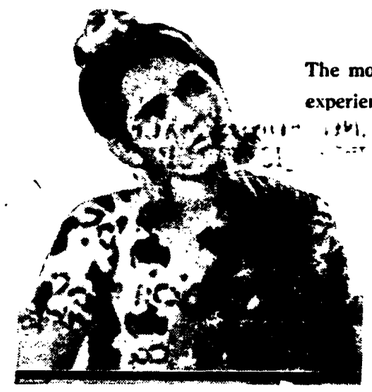

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 19.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours L.M.T. on 16th December 1944.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The desire for success is inherent in us. But success comes only to those whose desire is strong and persistent, who keep it uppermost in their mind. The intensity of desire must beget action. If we are constantly thinking and planning ways and means of attaining success, no matter how distant it appears, no matter what difficulties arise, success is sure to come. It is rather the will to do than the ability to do that matters.

—Jawaharlal Nehru.

The Bombay Chronicle

ARMY REORGANISATION

Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India, is well-known for his sympathy for Indian aspirations. His assurance, therefore, to the Press regarding the work of the Wilcox Committee as certain to prove useful to any Government of India may be welcomed. The work of that Committee, the Commander-in-Chief assures us, is to be purely technical and with a view to avoid losing the technical experience gained in the course of the war bearing upon problems of army re-organisation. One is at a loss, however, to understand how such experience would have been lost, if the Committee had been appointed after the war was over instead of when we are right in the middle of it. The tempo of the war with Japan has yet to be increased and the problems which fighting on India's eastern frontiers may reveal have yet to be unfolded in their full grimness. As, moreover, opinion is invited for the benefit of the Committee only from technical experts, it follows that the utility of the findings and recommendations of this body cannot be very considerable and if such findings or recommendations,—premature as they needs must be, were acted upon,—they would themselves create new problems or difficulties which it may require another committee of experts to solve. Experts would not be experts if they did not prove their predecessors to have been wrong.

While the utility, however, of the Wilcox Committee cannot be very considerable in the nature of the case, the dangers which were hinted at on an earlier occasion in these columns that this Committee must guard against cannot be over-emphasised. Technical opinion and investigation must necessarily be narrow, directed as they must be to some specific points or organisation and equipment only. They cannot take into account either the full potential of the country regarding the task of national defence, in men and material nor take stock of political factors which would vitally influence the solution of the problem. The Commander-in-Chief assures us, and we may accept the assurance, that questions of a constitutional or political character would be outside the purview of this Committee. But the very logic, which excludes these questions from consideration by the Wilcox Committee, must indicate the importance in the eyes of the Army authorities themselves, and regarding the snags inevitable in the path of the Committee's deliberations.

Even if the political aspect of this question is overlooked and, for the time being, the extreme probability of racial constitutional changes in the country after the war not taken into account, even if the comprehensive consideration of the problem of India's national Defence not only by land, but also by air or by sea are disregarded, no one can be blind to the importance of the industrial organisation of the country in modern times to provide and maintain adequate supply of food, weapons and transport facilities. The vested interests likely to be formed in pushing on such organisation are bound to create a problem of their own in the existing conditions of India. Modern war is impossible to be waged by any country which is not industrially very highly developed. India has immense and unexplored potential in this regard. But it has yet to be developed. Who shall develop it, and how? The future of the armament industries and munitions supply cannot be separated either from any organisation for national defence or an all-round programme of planned industrialisation in this country. It is a sound principle for that planned programme that every industry which is new in this country, and in which consequently, there are no provincial or profiteers' vested interests to consider, should be owned and conducted exclusively as State concerns. Their locations, equipment, labour supply, and distribution throughout the country, must be considered as much from the point of view of well-balanced national economy as from that of adequate defence provision in all parts of the land no matter from what quarter that danger, if any, should arise. But if the Wilcox Committee is not to consider these and allied questions, what is its need or utility?

End The Scandal

The Conference of the National Council of Women in India which met at Nagpur last week has adopted a resolution demanding the immediate re-imposition of the ban on employment of women underground in coal mines. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, who was mainly responsible for lifting the ban, sought to justify the step on the ground of temporary "war necessity," as men workers in sufficient numbers were not forthcoming to keep up the requisite output of coal. Dr. Ambedkar held out the assurance that the ban on women workers would be reimposed as soon as as the temporary necessity passed away. But, though a year has expired, the Labour Member has not seen his way to end the scandal of the employment of women underground.

Dr. Ambedkar may contend that the output of coal from the Indian mines is still behind the demand and that if women workers are withdrawn from the mines it will be further reduced. But the only right way to attract more men workers to the mines is to offer them higher wages than are paid them at present. Instead of adopting this straightforward course, recourse has been had by the mine-owners to the device of keeping down the wages of the men workers at their present level by employing women workers in the mines and Dr. Ambedkar, the professed champion of the oppressed and depressed classes, has given official sanction to the move. It is time Dr. Ambedkar and the Government of India realised that the fair name of this country had been tarnished in the eyes of civilized nations by its persistence in its wholly unjustifiable step. The National Council of Women in India has called for the observance of a "Woman Labour in Mines Day" some in February next to mark the nation's protest against the Government of India's unrighteous policy. It is to be hoped that the Government will retrace its steps and end the scandal before the "Day" of nation-wide protest arrives.

Frankly Speaking

Tense Situation

The Germans have broadcast to their troops that Hitler himself prepared the new counter-offensive on the west front down to the minutest detail and that was the reason for his recent silence. They would not commit the Fuehrer and their propaganda in such a manner unless they not only attached great importance to it but had also felt justified in deriving optimism from its scale and progress. Progress has, so far, been certainly disagreeably surprising. Some of Rundstedt's columns have already got behind the American First Army Front and have yet to be checked. The satisfactory feature from the Allied point of view is that they are extremely weak numerically, whatever strategic reserves Rundstedt may fling into the battle. And, despite the big effort being put up by the Luftwaffe, they cannot long withstand Allied air power which has already begun to make itself felt. But Rundstedt, even though he will eventually fail, can cause grave confusion and mischief if his offensive is not stopped quickly. From that point of view the situation is very definitely tense.

Pacific Progress

Both General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz deserve tributes for the success and rapidity with which they have overcome the difficulties of initial unpreparedness, of comparatively inadequate supplies and of vast sea distances in order to carry the war right into the enemy's backyard. Progress from Hawaii to the Marianas and from Australia to the Philippines is no mean feat, particularly when it is considered that Anglo-American strategy has deliberately concentrated on "Germany first." And the progress goes on. It may be regarded as almost certain that Admiral Nimitz having consolidated the conquest of Saipan and Guam, is now more or less ready with plans for a further hop, possibly to the Bonin and Volcano islands.

MacArthur Moves Again

Meanwhile, General MacArthur has struck another blow in the process of making good the historic promise to return to the Philippines. Having broken the back of the Yamashita Line in Leyte and having exacted a heavy toll in Japanese men, material, aircraft and shipping, he carried out a brilliantly strategic amphibious move to land on the Mindoro island, thus drawing a wedge through the centre of the Philippines and placing himself within 150 miles of Manila itself. The move spells the doom of the Japs both in the northern and southern islands of Luzon. Progress on Mindoro suggests that Japanese land forces in the Philippines are rapidly weakening—in strength and numbers. It also proves two other things: the Japs are unable effectively to challenge the Americans in the air and, second, the Japs have surrendered complete naval supremacy in Philippine waters to the Americans. These are important factors. And in view of them, the Japanese report that an American fleet, sighted in considerable strength south of Mindoro, is apparently planning a "move into other areas" arouses even greater expectations.

America And Palestine

According to information supplied by U.S.O.W.I.—but not by Reuters—the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted by a majority only of 12 to 8 to defer action on the resolution calling for the free entry of Jews into Palestine. The postponement, as the Chairman explained, was made on the recommendation of the State Department. And here is the State Department's statement on the subject. "The Department has the utmost sympathy for the persecuted Jewish people of Europe and has been assisting them through active support of the work of the War Refugee Board and in every other possible way. The Department considers, however, that passage of the resolutions at the present time would be unwise from the standpoint of the general international situation and has so informed the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations". Clearly what the State Department objects to is the forcing of the issue at this stage. The British and the Americans have their different ambitions and interests in the Middle East. But they are agreed on virtually Zionising Palestine and will proceed to promote it as soon as the differences—what they call the "general international situation"—are settled. Will the Muslim League sit up and take notice?

Guru's "Langar"

We trust the Government of Bombay will reconsider their decision not to permit the Sikhs in Bombay to open a Guru's "langar" or free kitchen on the occasion of the birthday anniversary of Sri Guru Govind Singhji on Friday next. It is true that the "langar" will be used by more than forty-nine persons. But the Sikhs do not ask for any extra ration. The only permission they ask for is that they should be allowed to pool their own individual rations for the purposes of the "langar". Considering that the "langar" has a religious significance to the Sikhs, their demand, in the circumstances, is a reasonable one and should not be rejected.

Dr. Moonje's Advice

Recently Dr. Moonje, the great Hindu Mahasabha leader, delivered a speech at a gathering of the students of the Benares Hindu University. There he said that the main business of Hindu women at present is to produce children; and then he proceeded to suggest that if Muslims can marry numerous wives why cannot Hindus also follow them in that respect. No doubt, the Doctor was thinking in terms of large scale production of human beings. But as an ordinary woman, I wonder how the system of polygamy can help large scale production. After all man's capacity is limited and unless otherwise helped by the great Doctor he cannot do anything beyond his capacity even if numerous women may be at his disposal. It is, I think, a biological absurdity. Moreover, may I humbly point it out to Dr. Moonje that India is already short of girls. If all our young men marry a large number of them they will have to observe celibacy throughout their lives for want of marriagable girls. This information can be had from the Government if Dr. Moonje is unaware of it. Under these circumstances, is it proper for a leader like Dr. Moonje to advise young men to marry as many girls as they like?

NIRUPAMA BOSE.

Guru Govind Singh Anniversary Langar

The General Secretary, Sri Guru Singh Sabha writes:

"As the public are well aware the Sikhs everywhere will celebrate the 278th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singhji on the coming 22nd. No Sikh religious function has from the inception of the Sikh religion (about 500 years ago) ever been celebrated without "Guru ka Langar" i.e. Guru's free kitchen—open to all castes, creeds and communities. In fact Sri Guru Amardasji (the third Sikh Guru) refused to give his "Darshan" to those who had not first partaken food from the Guru's common langar. Even the emperor of India, Akbar the Great had to eat from the common kitchen before he could see the Guru Amardas.

The Sikhs of Bombay have actual experience of food troubles of 1941-42. They not only willingly submit to rationing of food but actually welcome it for the protection it affords to all especially, the poorer citizens.

And so we make no demands on the rationing authorities for this integral part of our religious institution, i.e., the daily Guru-ka-Langar.

But on occasion like the birth anniversary celebration of Sri Guru Nanak and Sri Guru Gobind Singhji when thousands of Guru's devotees assemble for more than 48 hours at a stretch, their request for permission of eating from the common kitchen prepared by the contributions of their own individual rations, puts no burden on the authorities. And when the authorities refuse permission to the Sikhs to partake from such religious "prasad" they are not saving any food for the province but under the protection of Defence of India Rules and the cover of Rationing regulations are trying to interfere directly with the observance of the Sikh religion—whose members, unfortunately, are in a minority, and who have no representation on the Food Advisory Council.

The request of the Sikhs, a perfectly law-abiding people, for the observance of their religious rites by bringing in their own individual rations is so reasonable that no sympathetic authority would refuse it on the mere technical objection of disallowing food to 50 or more people.

This rule is framed to discourage social functions which can come off any day and to save food and not to such fixed annual religious celebrations, which are not celebrated for personal grandeur and pleasure, but in memory of great men to spread their teachings and as a mark of devotion.

We have still not lost hope in the authorities considering our case sympathetically and applying the rules in the spirit in which they are framed."

Punjab Communists Fall In Line

LAHORE, Dec. 18: In a letter to the Punjab Congress Workers' Assembly about 300 Communist-Congressmen including members of the A.-I. C. C. and office-bearers of various Congress Committees pledged fullest co-operation with the Assembly in carrying out Gandhiji's constructive programme and other activities which they planned out. The letter says:—

"In the present situation the August Revolution as interpreted by Gandhiji in his interview with Mr. Gelder is a guide to action to all Congressmen. The Communist-Congressmen will pledge themselves to act within the four corners of that policy and the instructions given by Gandhiji for revival of Congress activities."—United Press.

No Going Back To Days Of "Village Communities"

"Free India In The New World Order" Must Be A Federal State, Says Bhulabhai Desai

Anybody who imagined that India would be allowed to evolve its own political and economic policy without reference to the world after the war would be the most mistaken human being, was the belief expressed by Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai speaking on political reconstruction at the Convocation Hall on Tuesday evening.

The meeting was one of the series arranged by the Freedom Group on "India and the New World Order".

Speaking on "Political Reconstruction" Mr. Bhulabhai Desai posed the important problems before the future free India because it was to be assumed for the purpose of the consideration of the subject that India would be free. Subject India would have no future which she could decide. Unless she were free, her future would be decided by Britain. The free India of the future could not live in isolation nor could she maintain herself purely on principles based on ethics. She must have an army, navy and air force so that she could work in co-operation with other states for mutual protection. The time had not yet come when ethical doctrines operated. It was not enough for one state to pursue that ideology. For success, it should become the universal law. The science of politics was in the making. The world had advanced from the days of nomad conditions and village communities. It was true that the village community was the first stage in political reconstruction. There were some who believed in the present time that they could switch back to that stage. He was not one of those who believed in it.

INDIA'S ALLIES

Having assumed that India was free, we should ask first and foremost whom we would choose as our Allies. In choosing our Allies, India must see that her friends had sympathies approximating to that of hers and whose economic and cultural interests were the same. For the preservation of peace there should be a combination of states determined to maintain peace. The Allies would have to create sanctions by their joint efforts to maintain peace. Such a peace could not be an armed peace but one based on mutual goodwill. He did not consider that the present team of united nations would be an enduring one. The component parts of the United Nations followed three distinct types of ideologies. Monarchy with considerable individual freedom, Republicanism with capitalism as the economic basis and socialism as practised in Russia. The situation in Belgium, Rome and Greece to-day was a pointer to coming events.

The problem of national reconstruction was a more difficult one to deal with. There was the fundamental problem whether there should be one independent Ihdia, or two or three Indias.

He visualised the possibility of not merely a sovereign, independent state of Muslims but also another India, a Princely India. He had begun to see a movement among princes to combine themselves and form an independent State. It was to be considered whether for the sake of compactness, for the purpose of defence and for the ultimate evolution of a common culture India should be one sovereign state or whether there should be three states. If the Government of India Act of 1935 had been implemented, one might have had less freedom, but India would have had one sovereign State. The Government of India Act had been rejected by all the political parties in the country. The Congress rejected it because it did not transfer sufficient power to the people and other parties rejected it for different reasons.

PLEA FOR FEDERAL STATE

It was also to be considered what form of government each State or States in India should have. He personally believed that there should be one federal State. Irrespective of the number of States that might emerge, such government should be fashioned on a Federal basis. If it was assumed that there should be federal government, it could be asked what should be the relationship between the federating units and the federal State. Where should residuary powers rest?

All these questions had to be considered and discussed impartially and without bias not as politicians but as students of politics.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor of Bombay presided.

BRITISH MOTOR INDUSTRY'S BID

Plans To Capture Near And Middle East Markets

LONDON, Dec. 19

The British motor industry is going ahead with plans for a post-war export drive although the British Government has not yet decided the new basis of car taxation, which will make it possible for the industry to produce the type of car favoured in overseas markets.

The latest move by the Society of Motor Traders and Manufacturers is the appointment of a Trade Ambassador to cover the Near and Middle East from headquarters at Cairo. The choice is Mr. John Bartlett Mackie, former Assistant Air Attache in Ankara and recently released from the R.A.F. Mr. Mackie speaks Arabic, Turkish, Hindustani, Persian, French and German and has had long commercial experience in the territory to which he has been appointed.

The Society already has its own Trade Ambassadors in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and India and will shortly appoint a representative in Latin America.

CONSTRUCTIVE TRUSTEES AND LIMITATION

High Court Judgment

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla)

Soonderdas Thackersey and Others ..... Plaintiffs.

Versus

1. Bai Laxmibai, widow of Seth Harjivan Khimji
2. Harjiwan Chaturbhuj
3. Sunderdas Lalji
4. Ramcoomar Surajmal, executrix and executors of the Will of Raghavji Khimji. ..... Defendants.

The plaintiffs, along with one Raghavji Khimji, carried on business in partnership in the name of Messrs. Jetha Mulji and Co. This firm out of its assets purchased 50 shares of the New Baroda Mills Co. Ltd., and 25 shares of the Petlad Bulakhidas Mills Co. Ltd. and they stood in the name of Raghavji Khimji. In a suit for dissolution of this partnership a decree was passed on February 6, 1931 which declared that plaintiffs 1 to 3 were the owners of the assets of the firm dissolved by that decree. The plaintiffs filed the present suit for a declaration that the shares mentioned above standing in the name of Raghavji belonged to the plaintiffs and calling upon the defendants, the executors of the Will of Raghavji who died in April 1941, to execute the transfer forms and to sign the dividend warrants. Various defences were taken up but the only one which survived at the hearing was that of limitation. In answer to this it was contended that Raghavji was an express trustee of the shares for the plaintiffs to whom they belonged, and that, therefore, under section 10 of the Limitation Act the suit could never be barred.

JUDGMENT

His Lordship stated that the decisions of all High Courts have made it clear that the trustees contemplated by section 10 are the same as what are known in English law as "express trustees" though not so-called in specific terms. His Lordship, however, held section 19 applicable only to trusts created by act of parties and not to constructive or resulting trusts which arise by operation of law because, unlike English law, the Indian Trusts Act makes a sharp distinction between them regarding the latter not as trusts, but merely as certain obligations in the nature of trusts. His Lordship therefore held that in the present case, Raghavji not having been an express trustee, section 10 did not apply to help the plaintiffs.

His Lordship held that the case was governed by Article 120 of the Limitation Act and the plaintiffs having filed the suit within six years from the time the defendants for the first time denied the plaintiffs' right to the shares which Raghavji himself had never denied in his lifetime, the suit was not barred by limitation.

His Lordship therefore decreed the plaintiffs' suit with costs.

Mr. M. L. Manekaha and Mr. J. C. Bhatt instructed by Messrs. Merwanji Kola and Co. appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. M. V. Desai and the Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer instructed by Messrs. H. M. Vakeel and Co. appeared for the defendants.

MORE NEWS IN NEWSPAPERS

Govt. Raise Quota Of Newsprint

NEW DELHI, Dec 19: "A Press Note says:—

"Under the Newspaper Control Order, 1944, upto 50 per cent of the total space in a daily newspaper can be used for advertising matter. To provide more reading matter for the public, the Government of India, in the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, have amended the Order so as to reduce by five per cent, with effect from January 1, 1945, the maximum space which can be used for advertising matter.

"The maximum space for advertising matter in the case of newspapers and periodicals published at intervals of less than a month has been reduced similarly from 55 to 50 per cent of the total space, with effect from the same date.

"It has also been decided that, with effect from January 1, 1945, the present one-third temporary general increase allowed in the newsprint ration of all newspapers should be raised to a 50 per cent increase.

"Every stockholding newspaper will be entitled from that date to consume every month one-half extra ration over and above its basic quota. Similarly, newspapers and periodicals holding valid purchase permits will be entitled from that date to purchase from dealers a quantity of newsprint 50 per cent in excess of the quantity specified in the permit.

"Purchase permits of newsprint for the period subsequent to December, 1944, will cover a period of six months—January to June, 1945. All newspapers holding purchase permits for this period can acquire their six months ration at a time. Instructions have been issued to newsprint dealers accordingly".

CEILING PRICES OF NEWSPAPERS

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

Government of India notification fixing ceiling prices of newspapers is expected to be published this week. Government of India have now decided to allow sale of papers of 24 pages for six-day week at one anna a copy.

Provincial Paper Advisory Committee Personnel

The following have been appointed members of the Provincial Paper Advisory Committee constituted by the Government of Bombay to advise on the distribution of paper for civil consumption:

Mr. J. A. Neale, Paper Controller, Government of Bombay (Chairman); Mr. A. W. Barker, representing the Indian Advisory Committee of the Publishers' Association of Great Britain; Mr. S. K. Bhave, representing Indian Paper Mills; Mr. D. R. Gadgil, representing Secondary Educational interests; Mr. H. G. Jackson, representing Indian Paper Mills; Mr. Lachhiram J. Kirpalani, or, in his absence, Mr. Mahomedally Hebatbhoy, representing the Paper Traders' Association, Bombay; Mr. M. C. Modi, representing the Bombay Press Owners' Association, Mr. E. C. Murphy, representing the Publishers' Association of India, Mr. Manu Subedar, representing the Indian Merchants' Chamber; Mr. C. N. Vakil, representing higher educational interests; Mr. Husaini A. Varawalla, representing the All-India Muslim Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and Mr. S. W. Wildgoose, representing the Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

Court Causerie

By NESTOR

In a case before him last week Mr. Justice Coyajee held that certain observations of the Privy Council in Sopher's case, even if "obiter" must be accepted. We know of no principle or authority which goes so far as to say that the "obiter" of the Privy Council are binding. "Obiter" are of two kinds, considered "obiter" and "obiter" which has merely slipped out in the course of a judgment. The utmost that can be said is that the considered "obiter dicta" of the Privy Council are entitled to great weight and respect from Courts in India. In an Allahabad case the proposition has been put negatively—that nobody can say that the considered "obiter" of the Privy Council are of no authority. The "obiter" in Sopher's case to which Mr. Justice Coyajee referred was that a bequest to one's children for their respective lives and after their deaths to their children respectively, unborn at the testator's death as under the first illustration the Section 113 of the Succession Act would be void under that Section as not being the whole interest, since it was not certain that there would be any grand children. This observation seems to have slipped out of Viscount Maugham's mouth. But even taking it to be his considered "obiter", entitled as it is to great weight, it runs counter to Section 113 itself and no court in India should accept it. It makes it impossible to make any bequest at all to the unborn for in no case can it be certain whether an unborn person will ever be born at all. Mr. Justice Coyajee was dealing with a bequest to the unborn and yet after stating that these observations of the Privy Council must be accepted, he went on to hold that they did not apply to the facts of the case before him. Perhaps, that was a polite way of rejecting this "obiter" of the Privy Council!

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"By Request"—

In view of the many "By Request" bus stops in our city the recent Irish case of Anderson v. Belfast Corporation is instructive. Anderson was a passenger on a tramcar. He told the conductor to stop the tramcar at a place where tramcars were stopped by request of passengers. The conductor said "all right." He repeated his request, and the conductor repeated "all right." Anderson left his seat as the stop approached and was standing on the platform at the back of the car, ready to alight. Instead of stopping, the tramcar accelerated suddenly and Anderson was thrown off the car. He filed an action for damages for negligence. Reversing the decision of the trial judge, the Court of Appeal held that there was negligence, and awarded to Anderson the agreed sum of £800 by way of damages.

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Natural Justice—

In the suit by George Bell, a trainer of race horses, against the Royal Western India Turf Club decided by Mr. Justice Blagden last week, that charming judge had once again to consider that elusive phrase "Natural Justice". Cynics may very well doubt, whether there is any justice at all in nature for, as a poet said, we very often find that in this world,

A witless ape outstrips the learned man
A poet dies of hunger, grief and cold
A fool amid the ruins findeth gold."

The Turf Club had cancelled Bell's licence in March, 1939, on the ground that he had attempted to dope three horses with cocaine hydrochloride. Bell challenged the decision of the Stewards in Court mainly on the ground that their inquiry was conducted in a manner which was not fair and which was opposed to "Natural Justice." And one of his contentions was that when he was called for inquiry at the Stewards' meeting he had no notice of the charge to be levelled against him. Mr. Justice Blagden in his judgment observed that the first domestic tribunal one had to meet within life was the school headmaster. When he called up boys for punishment he never gave them previous notice of the offence and yet it was never suggested that his proceedings were opposed to "Natural Justice." The Judge further came to the conclusion that by submitting to the Inquiry Bell had waived this objection though the learned Judge went on to say that certain violations of Natural Justice might be so fundamental as to be such that could never be waived like a "No Ball" in cricket which one could play and yet never be declared "out" if one failed at it. Mr. Justice Blagden's similes are always refreshing. May we suggest that he should, if a similar case were to arise again, advise tribunals who have to act in accordance with "Natural Justice", to lay their "hearts void of fore-taken opinions; else whatsoever is done or said, will be measured by a wrong rule: like them who have the jaundice, to whom everything appeareth yellow," as Sir Phillip Sidney said. We are not suggesting at all that the Turf opinions" but are merely suggesting a reference to a passage which might be useful to this witty judge. However it is difficult to agree with the conclusion to which the Judge came on another point—that the mere presence in the deliberations of persons in the position of prosecutors would not vitiate the proceedings of a domestic tribunal unless the decision was in fact affected by such presence. We cannot help feeling that it would be almost impossible for a Judge to find out what actually tipped the scales in the minds of those who constituted the domestic tribunal, for "the Devil knoweth not the mind of Man."

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENTS—

NAGPUR, Dec. 19.

Mr. S. K. Bannerjee, I.C.S., Deputy Commissioner, Balaghat, has fined Y. P. Varma, Barrister-at-Law, Balaghat, Rs. 50 or in default to undergo seven days' simple imprisonment under Section 498 Cr. P. C. on the ground that the latter when entering the Court of Mr. Bannerjee, said "Good Morning", instead of "Good Morning Sir."

—Press Report.

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As an effective retort to Lord Wavell's advice that India needs a faith cure, Sir H. P. Mody suggests that Whitehall would appear to need a blood transfusion.

But our Junior colleague believes that Whitehall requires Penicillin treatment.

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General Scobie announces that "after regrouping in the Piraeus and Phaleron areas, British and Indian troops made considerable progress ....."

So India IS taking her share in settling the Greek political problem. Good

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"Allama Mashriqi, the Khaksar leader, has sent telegrams to Mahatma Gandhi and Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah suggesting to them to meet again to arrive at a communal settlement."—A.P.

Hullo! Still bobbing up?

But it is good to know that the "Gandhi-Jinnah must meet again" idea is at least one platform where extremes literally meet, viz., Khaksars and comrades.

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Talking of comrades, Lahore communist Congressmen have issued an appeal that "it is the duty of all Congressmen to stand together and work together under a single leadership, that of Gandhiji."

We beg firmly to differ. In the first place the slogan of single leadership savours too much of Fascism and Nazism.

Secondly and as any one can see it is time for all Congressmen to stand and work together under the twin Gandhi-Jinnah leadership.

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At a function in Mysore, Dr. Syed Mahmud is reported to have said that in the Independence movement journalists have played a more prominent part than politicians.

No, no, the distinguished Congress leader is being over-generous.

But—we agree with him.

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A British commentator, discussing Admiral Bruce Fraser's duties and responsibilities as C-in-C of the British Pacific Fleet, says that "his position is felt to be invidious."

In fact it is superfluously invidious. *Or vice versa.*

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The Germans announce that Hitler himself prepared the new counter-offensive on the west front down to the minutest detail.

Then the situation is very well in hand.

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This, the Germans explain, was the reason for his recent silence.

Since we have rather missed his bawlings we hope he breaks his silence soon, before the reason for it fails.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The woman who is proof against flattery has the whole world at her command.

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A compromise is an agreement by which both parties get what they don't want.

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A great many orators mix the oil of eloquence with the water of weak argument.

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The pessimist refuses to enjoy his dinner to-day because there is no prospect of one to-morrow.

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It is said that sunlight is of less benefit to a growing crop of wild oats than the electric light.

8 DESTITUTES DIE IN CALCUTTA HOSPITALS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19: There were eight deaths and 21 admissions of sick destitutes in Calcutta Hospitals yesterday.—A. P.

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Cotton Prices React From New High Level

MILL AND CEMENT SHARES RISE

Bullion Market Steady

BOMBAY, December 19.

The cotton market was very active with heavy short covering and March delivery reached a new level of Rs. 459/-. Bulls also took advantage of the spurt in securing profits on a portion of purchases.

Cotton Mill shares staged further improvement and Cements touched Rs. 250/- on belief of getting one share per holding of three shares. Steel Dfds. met some liquidation but recovered early loss approaching Holidays fresh enterprise and tone was steady.

There was increased activity on the Stock Exchange with somewhat wider price movement. In view of approaching X'mas holidays, we do not look for any material change but brisk buying in cotton mill shares resulted into improvement in quotations. Steel Shares moved in an erratic way. Tata Steel Dds. opened at Rs. 2,265 and downturned to Rs. 2,235 and later improved to Rs. 2,255. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 409 and after declining to Rs. 408 steadied at Rs. 409. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,862 and after declining to Rs. 1,857 advanced to Rs. 1,877. Kohinoor Mill Shares were firm and after opening at Rs. 627 rose to Rs. 635. Associated Cement Shares opened at Rs. 246 and rose to a new high level at Rs. 260.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES
BOMBAY, Dec. 19.

Apollo 4/5/6 4/4/6 4/5
Bharat 66 67
B. Dyeing 1865 61/4 66/4 52/8 60 52/8 80 71/4 81/4 77/8
Central India Ord 416/8 18 14 16 15 22/8 20/8 22/8
Central India Pref 735
Colaba 236 33 36 35 37 36
Edward 810 7/8 12/8
Elphinstone Ord 90 89/8 91 90 91
Elphinstone Pref 127/8
Finlay 316 13 18
Gokak 316 14/8 22/8 20 21 20/8
India United Pref 3/5 3/4/3 3/5/6 3/5
India United Ord 15/14 15/15 15/11/6 15/15/6 15/15
Indore 785 87/8 72/8 86/4
Kohinoor 632 30 32 27 31 25 30 29 35 31 35 33 34
Madhusudan 455
Meyer 225 23/4 25 24/6
Model 262/8
Morarjee 705 7/8
New City 401/4 2/8
New Great 418 15/8 14/8 22/8 18/8 20
Pedar 365 63/14
Sassoon Silk 92
Shri Nivas 355 57/8
Simplex 277 78 75 79 78 84/8 81 83 82 83/8
Swadesi Ord 573 75 78 75 79
Swan 328 35 33 35
Tata Mill 72 71/8 71/12 71/4 72
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly 756/4 57/8
BANKS
Baroda 139 39/8
Central 84 83/8 83/12
Habib 81/8
Imperial Old 2017/8
Imperial New 502/8
India 191/8
International 57 58
Reserve 134 33/8 33/14
Union 9/9
ELECTRIC
Ahmedabad 222/8 23/2
Amalgamated Ord 17/8 17/12
Andhra Ord 1805 1/4
Tramways Ord 150 50/8
Tramways Preg 71/8
Tata Hydro Ord 208
Tata Power 1890
INSURANCE
Jupiter 33/8 33/10
New India 80/12 80/8 81/8
Vulcan 17/4
Bombay Steam 596/4 (Ex Right)
Scindia 35/12 36 35/10 36 35/12 36 35/14 36/4 36/2
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Tata Steel Defd 2262/8 65 45 47/8 40 45 30 40 35 61/4 55 60 52/8 60 58/12
Tata Steel Ord 408/8 10/8 8 9 7/8 10/8 9 10 9/8
Tata 2nd Pref 163 63/4 63
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 450
Associated Cement 246/12 50/12 49 50/4 50
Belapur 235 35/8 34/8 36 35
Burma Old 503 500
Burma New 175 (Ex Div)
B. B. Petrol 3/14/9 4/0/3
Devkaran Nanji Investment 28
Indian Bleaching 184 85/8
I. I. Trust 124 25
Port Canning 111/4
Premier Construction Ord 214 13/8 18/8 17 19/8 18/8 22 20
Premier Construction 1st Pref 141
Premier Construction 2nd Pref 139
Shivrajpur 60 60/8 59/12
Tata Chemical Ord 20/10 20/8 20/14
Tata Oil 74 73/8
Western India Match 310
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Gold & Silver

After yesterday's great activity the local bullion market was somewhat quiet, but extensive speculative activity is expected to exert considerable influence. There were various unfounded rumours of control and the market was temporarily uncertain but there was nothing like outright unloading. Bears were again caught and fears of prolongation of war coupled with inflationary ideas are at work.

The Reserve Bank sold to-day 300 bars Silver at Rs. 130/13 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 69/7. The offerings were well absorbed.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 131 and improved to Rs. 131/12 under covering. Later on there was general realising and quotation was marked down to Rs. 130/8 and steadied at Rs. 130/4. Next settlement was quoted at Rs. 129/12 and ready Silver was placed at Rs. 130/6. Forward Gold also after advancing to Rs. 70/8 dropped to Rs. 69/8 and steadied at Rs. 69/12. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 69/14.

There was considerable activity and Silver advanced to Rs. 132/2. After the close there was some selling and quotations were as under Ready Silver Rs. 132 next settlement Rs. 131/4. Ready Gold Rs. 71 next settlement Rs. 70/12. Sovereigns Rs. 48/4.

Bombay Cotton

The local market reacted to-day after yesterday's sharp rise which was too rapid mostly due to heavy short covering. There was also fairly active buying by sellers of options. The market opened to-day at Rs. 448 for March delivery and declined to Rs. 444 under moderate realising. The decline induced short covering and March steadied at Rs. 446 while May was quoted at Rs. 455.

There was renewed heavy speculative buying and in the absence of selling March rose to Rs. 457 and steadied at Rs. 455/8.

After earning easy money during the last two years, at the cost of cotton growers bears were found heavily short without possessing any cotton and when they found that buyers were confident in anticipating a smaller crop, there was a mad rush to cover and March delivery rose a new high level of Rs. 459. Some merchants are calculating possible cotton price this season on the basis of mathematical equation on a certain amount of crop but they forget that after all, speculation more or less depends on general feeling and circumstances which no one is able to measure. Moreover there are some imponderable factors in every market which need careful consideration. If bears were confident of their crop estimate there was no hurry to cover but all the same holding of unprotected sales in large volumes unnerved them and the market is compelled to re-adjustment. The crop is smaller than last year and unwanted inferior cotton has no concern with contract. It is equally true that when the crop moves in volumes, it will need constant support but those who indulged in reckless way had no choice but to cover sales as the crop is not moving today. This state was solely responsible for a rise of about Rs. 30 per candy since Saturday's price and in view of potential buying and small crop, it will not be advisable to have any short sales even after the rise as still there exists fair amount of short sales. The improvement in price induced some liquidation and March reathed to Rs. 454/8 Bulls took advantage to book profits and March declined to Rs. 449 and finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

ICC March	449	0	0
ICC May	458	0	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. March	450/8	437	448/12
I.C.C. May	459/8	446	457/12
Karachi March	45/15	44/4	45/12/6

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March contract is 461 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

BOMBAY PRODUCE.

The local produce market was quiet with restricted turnover. Groundnuts Goa were quoted at Rs. 14/7 and Khandesh delivery stood at Rs. 14/1. Bombay Bold were placed at Rs. 13/10. There was no business in Castorseeds.

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BROADENING MILK SUPPLY PLAN IN CITY

Lady Rama Rao On A.-I. W. C. Manifold Activities

A meeting of the Bombay Women's Association was held at Anand Bhuvan, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay, on Tuesday evening. Lady Rama Rao. presided

After a children's play in Marathi which amused the audience very much and which was announced by Smt. Ansuya Godwalla, Lady Rama Rao, gave a brief account in Hindi of the happenings at the All-India Women's Conference held in Delhi.

Chief among the problems considered at the Conference was the question of supply of milk to growing children. Upto how milk was supplied in the City under the Government subsidised scheme to children below two years of age. Soon the scheme will provide milk for children under six years. The A.-I. W. C. would not rest content until milk was made available under the scheme to children upto 14 years. This scheme had to be extended to the entire country and an agitation in that direction was necessary. This question had to be tackled immediately by the A.-I. W. C.

Lady Rama Rao, then stated that a Central Office of the A.-I. W. C., was opened at Gilder Tank, Bombay, and all problems concerning women could be entrusted to it. The next session would be held in Malabar. It was the desire of the A.-I. W. C. to have branches in every ward of the city.

The function was interspersed with a programme of variety entertainment.

Earlier, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi welcomed the President.

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MASHRIQUI'S APPEAL TO JINNAH AND GANDHIJI TO MEET AGAIN

LAHORE, Dec. 18.

Allama Mashriqui, the Khaksar leader has sent telegrams to Mahatma Gandhi and Quaid-E-Azam Jinnah suggesting them to meet again to arrive at a communal settlement.

Alleged Jap Agent Re-Arrested

DEHRA DUN, Dec. 19.

Ram Singh alias Mohammad Husain, an alleged Japanese agent, who escaped from Delhi Fort about nine months ago was arrested here by Mr. Kundan Lal, City Kotwal.

Government had announced a reward of Rs. 3,000 for his capture.—A. P.

ART-IN-INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

The General Secretary of the Art-in-Industry Exhibition announces that the four scholarships of Rs. 1,000 each have been awarded as follows:—

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The first All-India cotton forecast 1944-45 estimates will be exhibited in the Cotton Exchange (in the office of the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., and in the trading hall of the Association,) Marwari Bazar, Bombay, and in the Cotton Green, Building of the Association, Sewri, Bombay, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) on Thursday December 21, 1944.

Linseed C. P. and U. P. was quoted at Rs. 15/4 while Mogai quality stood at Rs. 14/9. Tone was quiet.

VERY STEADY TONE IN NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.

Prices steadied on the increasing effectiveness of Government support programme and the belief that the proposed return to competitive price basis will encounter stiff opposition by the farm bloc. The market closed steady. The New York Cotton Exchange Service estimates stocks of all kinds at the end of November at 18,886,000 bales, including approximately 6,717,000 Government controlled cotton. December opened at 21.87 and improved to 21.93. The session closed at a net rise of 5 points to a decline of 2 points.

NEW YORK COTTON

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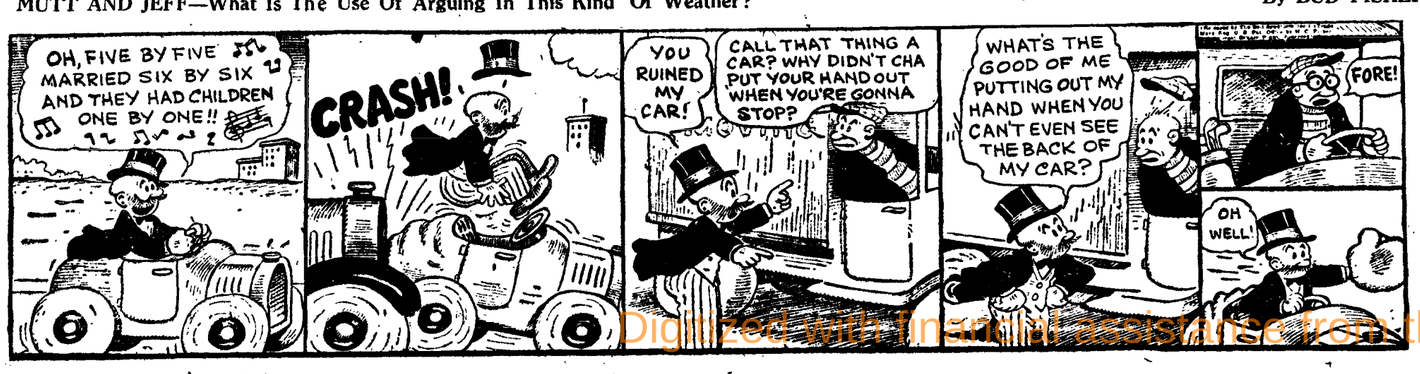
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LOST

Mr. K. S. IYENGAR, General Power of Attorney Agent, representing Balambal, Guru Murti Rao and K. Venkatesan (Minor), legal heirs of K. M. Rao (deceased), a share-holder of Rane Limited has applied to Rane Limited for a duplicate share certificate for the original share certificate No. 73 for 20 shares, from No. 2654 to No. 2673, both inclusive, said to be lost, standing in the name of Boddupalli Krishna Murti Rao. Persons claiming interest in the said shares should intimate their claim to Rane Limited, New Queens Road, Bombay within one month from this date, failing which, a duplicate certificate will be issued to the said legal heirs of K. M. Rao.

Bombay, 18-12-1944. 1455

THE BOMBAY STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, today, the 20th December, 1944, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) and an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the same place at 4-15 p.m. (S.T.) or as soon thereafter as the proceedings of the Ordinary General Meeting are over, to transact the business specified in the Circulars already sent to the shareholders.

For The Bombay Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
For The Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.,
NAROTTAM MORARJEE & CO.,
Agents,
Managing Agents.

Ballard Estate,
Bombay, 20-12-44. 1433

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on MONDAY & TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th December, 1944, (CHRISTMAS) and Wednesday, the 27th December, 1944 (MUHARRAM), those days being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

N. G. IRVINE,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 14th December, 1944. (1450)

WANTED.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from responsible persons having qualifications of an Honours degree or double graduates, having wide experience of business and salesmanship especially in vegetable and fruits, to supervise the purchase, weighment, packing and despatching of vegetables at Surat. Pay Rs. 250-20-350 per month plus dearness allowance. Applications should be forwarded with copies of credentials to the Controller of Government Grain Shops, Council Hall, Bombay. 1410

NOTICE.

WANTED for large R.C.C. Construction work in Bihar qualified and experienced Civil Engineers and Overseers for active field work. Candidates should hold a degree in Civil Engineering of a recognised University or the C. E. Diploma of Thomason Civil Engineering College, Roorkee. Applications from candidates with first class qualifications but limited experience will also be considered. Permanent employment. Salary according to qualifications and experience. Apply with certificates and testimonials and stating salary expected to Box No. 818, "Bombay Chronicle."

NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS for recruitment in the Kolhapur Judicial Service for a post of Second Class Sub Judge in the grade of Rs. 150-15|2-210 E.B. 225-15|2-300 are invited.

Applications should reach the U|S not later than 5th January 1945.

Applicants are to give full information as to their age, caste, domicile, educational and professional attainments etc., and are to furnish copies of their testimonials, academic and otherwise.

Candidates if called upon for interview are to pay their own expenses and should be in possession of the original testimonials of which copies are furnished.

No one need apply for the post who is not an LL.B. or an Advocate of the Bombay Bar Council with a minimum experience of five years at the Bar or is over 35 years of age.

Candidates possessing special academic and other qualifications may be given higher starting pay in the scale.

G. B. DESHMUKH,
Judicial Minister,
Kolhapur State. 1407

NOTICE

WANTED by an American firm, young ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATES as Sales Engineers. Science Graduates are also eligible. Good prospects for right type of men. Apply Box No. 6841, "Bombay Chronicle"

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP

The text of Order No. 10255|39 from the BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY dated 29th September, 1944, is reproduced below. If you are an owner, occupier or person in possession of residential accommodation within any of these five wards please cut out this notification and preserve it.

Revenue Department
Bombay Castle, 28th September, 1944

ORDER

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES

No. 10255|39—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (5) of rule 75-A and clauses (aa) and (bb) of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that with effect from the 1st November 1944 —

(1) Every owner occupier or person in possession of residential accommodation situated in the area described in the Schedule annexed to this Order, intending to let or sub-let any such residential accommodation whether furnished or unfurnished and whether with or without board, shall forthwith give intimation of such intention to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, in the form appended hereto.

(2) No owner, occupier or person in possession of such residential accommodation shall let or-sub-let it without the permission of Government, before the expiration of three weeks from the date of such intimation.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall apply to residential accommodation which is less than a self-contained house or flat or to clubs or to the hotels and lodging houses to which Part IV of the Bombay Rents, Hotel Rates and Lodging House Rates (Control) Act, 1944 (Bom. VII of 1944), applies.

SCHEDULE

NAME OF WARD	DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARIES
UPPER COLABA MIDDLE AND LOWER COLABA FORT SOUTHERN	A line starting from Colaba point extending along the harbour up to its junction with the extension of Ballard Road thence along the South side of Ballard Road, Sir Pherozesha Mehta Road and Napier Road, thence cutting across Esplanade Road to Mayo Road, thence along the East side of Mayo Road up to its junction with Church Gate Street, thence along the south side of Church Gate Street, Sir Dinshaw Wachha Road to meet Backbay, thence along Backbay Sea-wall West of Blocks 6, 7 and 8 to Colaba Point.
FORT NORTHERN ESPLANADE	A line starting from Backbay near Sir Dinshaw Wachha Road, extending along the North side of Sir Dinshaw Wachha Road, Churchgate Street up to its junction with Mayo Road, thence along the West side of Mayo Road, cutting Esplanade Road to Napier Road, thence along the North side of Napier Road, Sir Pherozesha Mehta Road, and Ballard Road, thence in a straight line to meet the harbour, thence along the Sea, up to the North wharf of Carnac Basin, thence along the aforesaid wharf along the South side of Carnac Road, 1st Marine Street, continuing thence in a straight line to Backbay Sea-wall, thence along the sea to the starting point, viz., junction of Sir Dinshaw Wachha Road and Backbay Sea-wall.
DHOBI TALAO FANASWADI	A line starting from the junction of Thakurdwar Road and Buleshwar Road extending along the South side of Thakurdwar Road, thence in a straight line running South of Government Printing Press to meet Backbay Sea-wall, thence Southward along Backbay up to its junction with the Road in continuation of 1st Marine Street, South of Marine Line Station, thence along the North side of the aforesaid Road, 1st Marine Street and Carnac Road to its junction with Kalbadevi Road, thence along the West side of Kalbadevi Road to its junction with Dady Sheth Agyari Street, thence along the South side of Dady Sheth Agyari Street to its junction with Cathedral Street, thence along the West side of Cathedral Street and Bhuleshwar Road to the starting point, viz., junction of Thakurdwar and Bhuleshwar Roads.
GIRGAUM CHAUPATI	A line starting from the junction of Harvey and Girgaum Roads extending along the South side of Girgaum Road up to its junction with Vithalbhai Patel Road, thence along the South side of Vithalbhai Patel Road and West side of Thakurdwar Road, thence in a straight line to Sea, thence along the Canady Seaface up to its junction with Harvey Road, thence along East side of Harvey Road to the starting point, viz., to its junction with Girgaum Road.
WALKESHWAR MAHALAXMI	A line starting from the junction of Harvey Road and Sea extending along the West side of Harvey Road, North of Frere Bridge to its junction with B. B. and C. I. Railway lines, thence along the West side of B. B. and C. I. Railway lines up to its junction with Clerk Road, thence along the South side of Clerk Road to meet the Sea at Hornby Vellard, thence along the Sea up to the Malbar point, thence Northward along the Sea to the starting point, viz., to its junction with Harvey Road.

FORM

Name of landlord or tenant	Nature of accommodation to be let or sub-let, i. e., number of rooms and approximate floor space in square feet	Whether furnished or unfurnished	Whether with or without board	Date from which it is intended to let or sub-let the accommodation

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
M. J. DESAI,
Secretary. (1286)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
HOUSE VALUATIONS FOR 1945-46
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, as required by Section 160 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, that the Ward Assessment Books have been completed for the year 1945-46 as far as practicable, as required by Section 156 of the Act, and that they are available for inspection at the Office of the Assessor and Collector, between 20th December 1944 and 14th January, 1945.

Notice is hereby further given that, under Section 162(1) of the Act, complaints against rateable values entered in the said Books will be received in the Municipal Commissioner's Office upto 14th January, 1945.

The complaints must be made in writing by the property owners themselves, or by persons duly authorised by them under a Power of Attorney, and, as required by Section 163(2) of the Act, they should set forth briefly, but fully, the grounds on which the valuation is complained against and be ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT SHOWING THE RENTS, FLOOR BY FLOOR.

Complaints which do not fulfil these conditions will not be considered.

Ratepayers are warned that the Municipality will not hold itself responsible for the non-receipt of any complaints, unless they produce proper acknowledgements thereof from the Department concerned, and that, if they forward such complaints by post, they will be doing so at their own risk.

U. M. MIRCHANDANI,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 20th December, 1944.

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES, LIMITED, will be held at SHREE SUNDERBAI HALL, NEAR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA OFFICES, QUEEN'S ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY, on FRIDAY, the 12th January 1945 at 4 P. M. (S. T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July, 1944.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board,
For the Associated Cement Companies, Ltd.,
CEMENT AGENCIES, LTD.,
Managing Agents.
J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director,
Bombay, 1st December, 1944.

NOTE:—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company were CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 24th November to THURSDAY, the 14th December, 1944, both days inclusive.

The dividend when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after Monday, the 15th January, 1945 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Thursday the 14th December, 1944. (1452)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Assistant Superintendent of Ore Mines and Quarries of the Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited. Only fully qualified Mining Engineers, preferably with European or American qualifications and with not less than five years' experience of responsible work in ore mines or collieries, need apply. Salary Rs. 600|- per month plus dearness allowance as per Company's rules.

Applications should be sent with copies of testimonials to the General Superintendent of Ore Mines and Quarries and Prospecting, Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., P. O. Jamshedpur, before 15th January, 1945. (1458)

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Partnership existing between Jayantilal Kilachand, Mangaldas Mulchand and Bai Gujrabai, widow of Mangaldas Mulchand in the firm of Messrs. Jayantilal Mulchand & Co. at Shariff Building, Khoja Galli, Bombay has been dissolved from 14-12-44. Mr. Jayantilal Kilachand is now the sole proprietor of the said firm of Jayantilal Mulchand & Co. and will be entitled to recover all outstandings due to the firm and will remain liable for all debts due from the firm.

S. R. MEHTA,
Advocate for Jayantilal Kilachand.
Bombay, dated 14-12-44. (1412)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
MUNICIPAL ELECTION ROLLS
NOTICE

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION Roll and the Roll of Delegates of Registered Trade Unions, which will remain in force for 12 months commencing from the 20th December, 1944, are now ready, and copies of the same are available for sale during office hours at the Election & Town Duty Department, City Improvement Trust Building Napier Road, Fort, at Rs. 2-8-0 per copy of any one Ward Roll, or Rs. 40/- per copy of the complete Roll for all wards, and at annas six per copy of the Trade Union Roll.

U. M. MIRCHANDANI,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 15th December, 1944. 1451

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply on hire, of bullocks and drivers with and without carts for twelve months commencing from 1st April 1945 to 31st March 1946.

Conditions of Contract, Schedule of quantities and form of tender can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.

No tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 1,000/- by crossed cheque as earnest money. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1 p.m. (N. S. T.) on Tuesday 9th January 1945

G. E. TERREY, M.Inst. C.E.
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 1457

BOMBAY PORT TRUST
MARINE ENGINEERS
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED

for 3 Temporary posts of Marine Engineers for the duration of the war.

Applicants must be in possession of a First Class Certificate of Competency issued under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 ("Colonial Certificate of Competency") or a First Class Certificate of Competency issued under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 ("Board of Trade Certificate"). Applicants having suitable experience in Dredging and or Electrical Engineering will be given prefcrence.

The pay of the post is Rs. 350-20-450 plus War Allowance at 10% of pay. The selected candidates will be on probation for a period of 6 months and if found satisfactory after that will be retained in service for the duration of the war. The selected candidates will be required to produce a certificate of physical fitness from the Chief Medical Officer, Bombay Port Trust. The post is subject to the usual leave and Provident Fund Rules for temporary employees of the Bombay Port Trust as amended from time to time.

Applications giving age and full particulars of qualifications must reach this office not later than Saturday 6th January 1945 and should be addressed to the undersigned only and endorsed "Appointment of Marine Engineers."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the Members of the Board of Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

G. E. TERREY,
M.Inst, C.E.,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. (1395)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

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All persons having any claim against the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift or in any manner howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at Tamarind Lane, Ali Chambers, Fort, within 14 days from this date, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Piece of land with the Building standing thereon, situate at Anandual Podar Cross Lane at Malad, admeasuring 3090 square yards and bearing Malad Notified Area Committee House No. 2 and 2A together with the well, trees, etc., and all other rights of easements.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1944.

CHOKSEY & CO.,
Attorneys-at-Law 1449

AUCTION SALES

SALE AT DEHU ROAD.

AUCTION SALE OF ACCESSORIES AND SPARE PARTS OF FORD, CHEVROLET, HILLMAN, MORRIS & OTHER MOTORS.

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